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Drinking Water Sparks Conflagration in Dimock - On November 30, Cabot Chemical Oil and Gas Company stopped providing alternative water to Dimock Pa. residents which the company had been providing to residents who claimed that their wells had been adversely impacted by the company's gas drilling activities in the area. Cabot provided the alternative water under an order with PADEP requiring the company to do so until that date.

At the request of residents, EPA visited Dimock area homes on November 10, 2011 and reviewed well sampling data for wells impacted by the Cabot's drilling activities. EPA made a preliminary review of the data provided by PADEP and the residents and while it did not indicate an immediate health threat to well water users, EPA assured the residents that we will continue to review the latest information. EPA has since received an additional 300 pages of well sampling data from the residents that we are in the process of reviewing, and has also requested that CDC conduct a health consult to evaluate potential human health risks. The issue has received extensive media coverage over the last two weeks.